

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

PRESTON CATCHINGS,
Plaintiff,

vs.

SGT. FIKE, et al,
Defendants.

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C.A. No. 07-283 Erie

Magistrate Judge Baxter

MAGISTRATE JUDGE’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

I. RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully recommended that Plaintiff’s complaint be dismissed without prejudice to Plaintiff’s right to pay the filing fee of \$350.00 before February 22, 2008.

II. REPORT

Plaintiff, an inmate incarcerated within the State Correctional System of Pennsylvania, presented this civil rights complaint.

Section 804(g) of Pub.L. No. 104-134, enacted April 26, 1996, amended 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to provide:

[i]n no events shall a prisoner bring a civil action ... under this section if the prisoner has, on 3 or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in the court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.

28 U.S.C. §1915(g).

Plaintiff has been a prolific advocate in this federal court. At least three of Plaintiff’s prior lawsuits have been dismissed for failure to state a claim: Civil Actions Numbers 03-284Erie, 04-159Erie, and 04-353Erie, all filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

An indigent inmate may overcome the “Three Strikes Rule” if he can show that he is under “imminent danger of serious physical injury.” Abdul-Akbar v. McKelvie, 239 F.3d 307 (3d Cir. 2001) (interpreting imminent danger). Plaintiff has not credibly alleged such imminent danger.¹

Accordingly, Plaintiff must pay the full filing fee before February 22, 2008, or risk dismissal of this action.

III. CONCLUSION

Because of these prior dismissals, and because Plaintiff has not made a credible allegation that he is in imminent danger of serious physical injury, it is recommended that the complaint be dismissed without prejudice to Plaintiff’s right to pay the full filing fee of \$350.00 to the Clerk of Courts before February 22, 2008.

In accordance with the Magistrate Judges Act, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C), and Local Rule 72.1.4B, the parties are allowed ten (10) days from the date of service to file written objections to this report. Any party opposing the objections shall have seven (7) days from the date of service of objections to respond thereto. Failure to timely file objections may constitute a waiver of any appellate rights. See Nara v. Frank, 488 F.3d 187 (3d Cir. 2007).

S/ Susan Paradise Baxter
SUSAN PARADISE BAXTER
Chief United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: January 29, 2008

¹ This Court notes that Plaintiff has made several outrageous allegations that he is being poisoned by prison staff. The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit has specifically rejected Plaintiff’s arguments in this regard. See Civil Action Number 06-235J, Document # 27.